

BOOK NOTICES

ROBERT J. BLACK and EDWARD F. GILMAN. 2004. **Landscape Plants for the Gulf and South Atlantic Coasts.** (ISBN 0-8130-2722-5, pbk.). The University Press of Florida, 15 NW 15th Street, Gainesville, FL 32611-2079, U.S.A. (Orders: 1-800-226-3822, fax: 352-392-7302, www.upf.com). \$24.95, 240 pp., 21 b/w drawings, 513 color photos, 11 tables, hardiness zone map, 7" × 10".

Publisher Comments: "Robert J. Black and Edward F. Gilman tell gardeners how to conquer these hurdles and establish aesthetic and functional plants that can adapt to a coastal site. Beginning with basic gardening precepts, they present step-by-step information on specific plants, planting, best landscape uses, cultural needs, and plant maintenance. They address watering, fertilization, pruning, and other care concerns of salt tolerable plants."

"Combined with colorful photographs of more than 400 plants, Black and Gilman's expert advice will be indispensable for all southern coastal homeowners, landscape architects, landscape designers and installers, landscape maintenance personnel, retail nursery personnel, extension agents, and for inland gardeners who face problems that result from salt water intrusion."

Chapter 6 is the Plant Selection Guide listing the plants alphabetical by genus. Plants are listed in four categories: 1) Salt-tolerant trees, 2) Salt-tolerant shrubs, 3) Salt-tolerant vines and ground covers, and 4) Salt-tolerant palms. Each entry includes a color photograph of the plant.

CHET VAN DUZER. 2004. **Floating Islands A Global Bibliography.** (ISBN 0-9755424-0-0, hbk.) Cantor Press, 12117 Winton Way, Los Altos Hills, CA 94024-6431, U.S.A. (Orders: 1-800-247-6553, www.cantorpress.com). \$44.95, 428 pp., 6" × 9".

Publisher Comments: "This book is a unique treasury of information about one of nature's marvels: floating islands. The bibliography contains more than 1800 citations of books and articles in twenty languages on the subject; the entries are annotated and cross-referenced, and there are both thematic and geographic indices. All aspects of floating islands are addressed, including the formation of floating islands, the causes of their buoyancy, their role in the ecology of lakes and wetlands, their flora and fauna, their role in the dispersal of plants and animals, and methods for controlling and managing them. Works are also cited on artificial floating islands used for agriculture, human habitation, wildlife habitat, and improvement of water quality; and floating islands in literature, myth, and legend. The book includes the text and an English translation, with detailed notes, of G.C. Munz's rare 1711 thesis on floating islands. *Exercitatio academica de insulis natantibus*, as well as photographs of several floating islands."